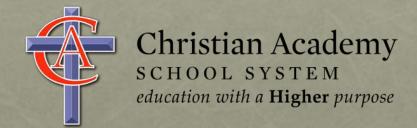
The Senior Year...



... and Next Steps



Class of 2024

Enrollment – 178

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We are here to guide you through the process!



Class of 2023

Last year's graduating class had 157 students.

Kentucky (2 and 4 year)	56%
Out of State (2 and 4 year)	29%
4 Year Public College, in-state	42%
Christian College (non-Catholic)	16%
2 Year College	3%
Military	1%
GAP or Work	5%
Trade/Vocational/Apprenticeship	9%

It's always good to look back and see what the previous class choose to do.

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University of Kentucky - 39 Western Kentucky University - 14 University of Louisville - 9 Bellarmine University - 6 University of Alabama - 4 Eastern Kentucky University - 4 Georgetown College - 4 Asbury University - 3 University of Cincinnati, OH - 3 Indiana University Southeast - 3 Liberty University, VA - 3 Samford University, AL - 3 Jefferson Community & Technical College - 3 Taylor University, OH - 3 Transylvania University - 3 Bluegrass Community & Technical College - 2 Campbellsville University - 2 Grand Canyon University, CO - 2



University of Illinois Chicago - 2
Miami University, OH - 2
The Ohio State University - 2

Additional Colleges for 2023

Auburn University, AL Baylor University, TX Beacon College, FL Belmont University, TN University of CA- San Diego Clemson University, SC Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL University of Florida University of Miami, FL Michigan State University, MI

Missouri Valley College, MO Monmouth University, NJ Purdue University, IN Colorado State University-Semester at Sea University of TN-Knoxville Thomas More University Transylvania University Wake Forest University, NC Webster University, MO Wheaton College, IL

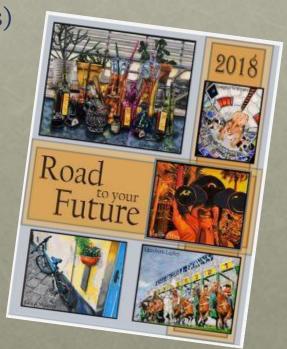
Xavier University, OH

#1 Prayer, Patience & Communication

- ☐ Your love and obedience to God is more important than the *campus or journey*
- ☐ Communicate with your parents and have them tell what they can afford before you get your heart set on a particular school or undertaking
- ☐ Also discuss distance—being a long way from home can be harder on you (and your parents) than you think it will

#2 Getting Organized

- ☐ Individual student meetings with Counselors in September and October
 - Review graduation requirements
 - Individual future plans
 - Naviance
 - Do NOT sign up during a core class period (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
 - DO make a reminder by putting the date/period on your calendar/planner
- Use an email account with appropriate address
- ☐ Use "Road to Your Future"
- ☐ Use your legal name



Use Your Legal Name

as it appears on your Social Security Card



For **EVERYTHING**—

Registration for ACT, SAT, College Applications, etc. It's how everything is linked together.

#3 Service Hours

- Need 45 hours to graduate (15 hours waived for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19)
- 2 types of hours
 - **CHURCH** Serving the <u>Christian</u> community
 - **COMMUNITY** Serving the <u>non-Christian</u> community

CHURCH	COMMUNITY	HALF/HALF
Leading a small group in the church	Mission Trip to Nicaragua	CAL sports camp (assuming non-Christian community attendance)
Helping with CAL events	Yard cleanup for neighbor	Vacation Bible School
Helping with church events	Volunteering at a museum	

Service Hours

- We require at least half of the hours to be community hours
- ☐ We do NOT require church hours
- ☐ Must have all 45* by the end of February in order to participate in the March

senior lunch

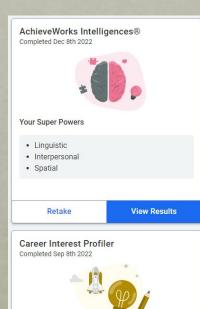
☐ Don't stop at 45 hours!

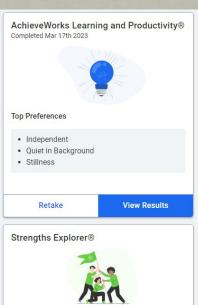
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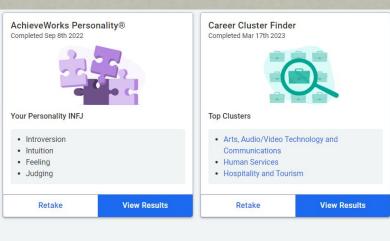
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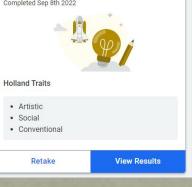
What am I going to do after High School?

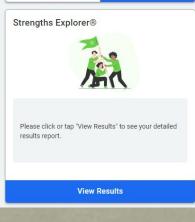






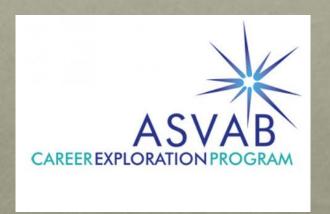




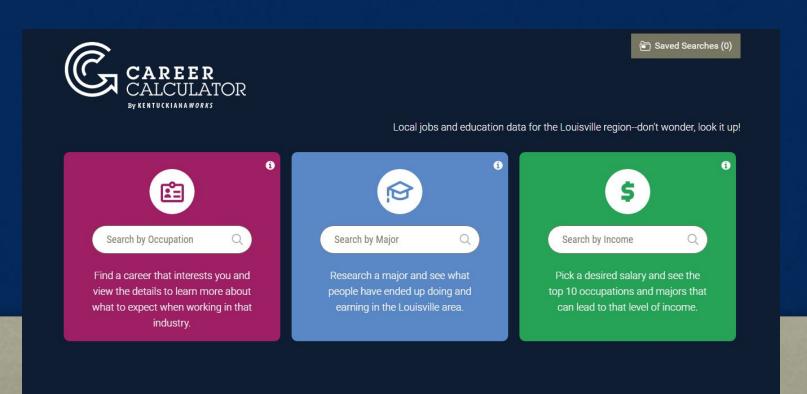


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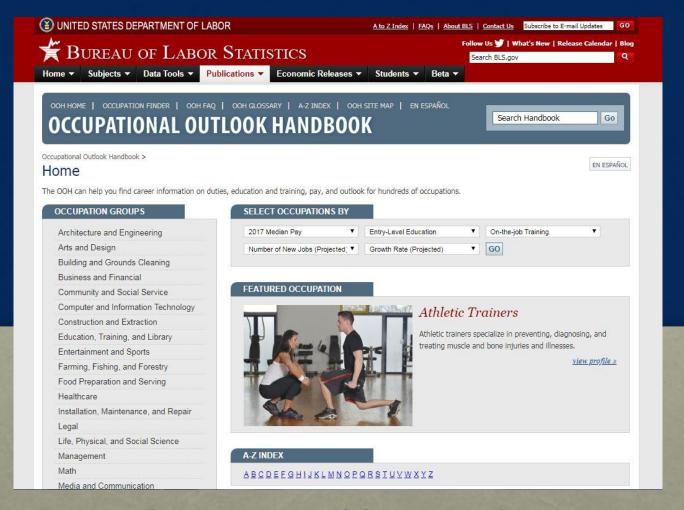


Career Calculator



OOH

Occupational Outlook Handbook



https://www.bls.gov/ooh/

GAP Year

What is it?

"A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one's practical, professional, and personal awareness."

Common Reasons for taking a GAP year:

- Burnout from competitive pressure of high school
- Desire to know more about self
- ☐ Called to serve in a special area (i.e. missions)

A gap year is a time to explore the world around and within you -- a time to get fired up about what's really important to you.

Apprenticeship

What is it?

Apprenticeship is a system for training a new generation of practitioners of a trade or profession with on-the-job training and often some accompanying study.

Apprenticeships can also enable practitioners to gain a license to practice in a regulated occupation.











Vocational and Technical Schools

- ☐ Trade schools--also referred to as a vocational school, technical school, or vocational college
- Post-secondary institution that's designed to give students the technical skills to prepare them for a specific occupation.
- ☐ Can be public or private, but many are for-profit businesses.
- Upon completion of the program, students receive a diploma or trade certificate
- ☐ For some programs students can earn an associate degree, which is the degree received from a two-year college.

















Military

The U.S. military has six branches of service:

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- Space Force

The requirements to join are similar for all six. The main differences are in age limits, test scores, and fitness levels. Each may have additional requirements.









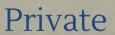




Colleges and Universities

Community Colleges

Public Universities



For Profit

Liberal Arts



Special Interest (i.e. Art, Nursing, Bible)

Military Academies

















US Military Academies

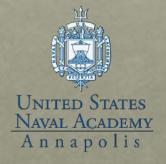
Service Academies-- fully-funded tuition (includes books, board and medical and dental care)

Admissions criteria include:

- ☐ High school academic performance
- ☐ Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- ☐ Athletics and extracurricular activities
- ☐ Leadership experience and community involvement
- Congressional letter of recommendation (not required by the Coast Guard Academy)











#5 Admissions Tests

- ☐ Register for ACT at <u>www.myact.org</u> and for SAT at <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
- ☐ Take at least one of the tests TWICE. Colleges sometimes combine sub scores for scholarships (aka Superscore).
- □ 57% of students raise their score, 21% have no change, 22% of scores go down
- Check to see if the writing portion is required

Raising Scores

- ☐ Know admissions and scholarship requirements (they are not always the same)
- ☐ Register for a Prep Class. See list on our website or in the "Road to Your Future"
- ☐ Benchmark sub-scores (50% B, 75% C)
 - English 18
 - Math 22
 - Reading 21
 - Science 24

Method Test Prep/ Methodize



- ☐ Two full practice ACT tests, vocabulary, webinars, quizzes and resources to help students
- ☐ Your parents can monitor progress and should have access to the resources and webinars
- Webinars cover a wide array of topics including "What will help best prepare you for the ACT"

Standardized Testing

SAT

August 26, October 7, November 4, and December 3

ACT

June 10, July 15, September 9, October 28, and December 9

You need to register yourself!

It is not mom's responsibility to remember it or do it.

Request ALL test scores be sent to CAL and the colleges

Test Optional

- ☐ Test scores still often required for **scholarships**
- The National Center for Fair and Open Testing provides list of colleges that are "test-optional", "test-flexible", or that de-emphasize use of standardized tests.
- ☐ As a substitute for standardized test scores, the institution may look at other criteria, such as GPA, student resumes or interviews
- ☐ Due to COVID-19, most schools were test optional through 2023, but others are returning to the requirement for the class of 2024

#6 Visiting Colleges

- ☐ September 2-5 or October 2-6
- ☐ Allowed 2 College Visit Days; Must bring verification letter/note to be excused
- ☐ Make appointments with schools as well as **departments** within the college
- ☐ A **"good fit"** is important
- ☐ YOU should ask the questions! Use suggestions in the "Road to Your Future."
- Actually being on campus can make a difference; what is online is their best

Register for in person tours through the college website

Colleges Visit CAL

- ☐ Very important opportunity to connect with your college representative!
- ☐ Colleges will be able to send representatives to campus during break--watch daily announcements
- ☐ Christian College Fair--October 24th
- ☐ Virtual visits/tours

Check Naviance and the announcements!

#7 Applying for Admission

- ☐ Online applications are on college websites
- ☐ All colleges require a transcript and school profile *sent from the high school*
- ☐ **Proofread** the application *before* hitting submit
- ☐ CAL Profile will be updated and included
- ☐ Each state and/or college has its own requirements for admission.

Types of Applications

- ☐ Simplest applications require a transcript with ACT/SAT scores and a school profile
- More complex applications may have multiple forms and require recommendations, portfolios, auditions, or interviews—check to ensure that you have included all components

Seniors must request a transcript from through Naviance

Types of Applications

- ☐ Individual College Applications--apply directly to college
 - Shared Application for a System of Colleges--apply directly to college
 - May require extra component (ie. audition)
- ☐ The Common Application
- ☐ The Universal Application
- ☐ The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION

For Undergraduate College Admission

https://www.commonapp.org

Common Application Schools

- BelmontSamfordButlerTransylvania
- ☐ Univ. of Cincinnati
- → Hanover
 → Univ. of Kentucky
- ☐ Hillsdale ☐ Washington Univ.
- ☐ Lipscomb ☐ Vanderbilt
- Miami of Ohio
 Xavier

Examples of colleges in which CAL students have applied using the CA

Recommendations and Evaluations

- ☐ More is not better--Colleges only want the number of recommendations for which it has asked
- Be courteous and ask the recommender at least <u>2 weeks</u> before the due date-PLEASE
- ☐ Counselors require parent and student questionnaires to be completed before writing recommendations

Talk with your counselor BEFORE asking a teacher

Questionnaires

All students must have their questionnaires (and their parents) must be completed *before letters* of recommendation can **be written.** Forms are found by clicking on the "documents library" link on the Naviance Student home page.



Completing Applications

- Some applications require essays and/or resumes
- A teacher should edit your essay.
- □ Some schools will want to do an interview...don't panic, we have our own interview Prep Coach!
- We will complete the application by adding the transcript, profile, evaluation and recommendation
- Counselors will document the date transcript and other forms sent in Naviance

What do colleges look for in an application?

- ☐ Academic Rigor (Including quality of senior year)
- ☐ Cumulative GPA (Grades in all courses/levels)
- □ ACT and SAT Test Scores
- Recommendations (Teacher and Counselor)
- ☐ Community service, work and extracurricular activities, internships, summer enrichment and outreach programs
- ☐ Leadership, Special Talents, Honors, Awards, Special Skills
- Essay and/or Writing Samples Interviews (if required)

Other Criteria Considered

Overcoming Personal Adversity PERSONAL BACKGROUND Language Spoken at Home/ESL Alumni Connection Frequent Moves/Many Different Schools Cultural Awareness/Experiences Demonstrated Interest in the College – First Generation Good Match Low-economic background Strong Personal Statement **Underrepresented Minority GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS** Personal Disadvantage In-State vs. Out of State/Country Resident Professional Diversity From State or School with few or no previous applicants Faculty/Staff Connection Economically Disadvantaged Region Military Veteran/Peace Corps, America Corps, etc.

When is it best to start applying?

- **□ KNOW ALL THE DEADLINES**
- ☐ Mid-September through December
- Send at least one application by Christmas

Keep good records!

#8 Deadlines

School	Application Deadline	Early Action	Scholarship
Asbury University	Rolling		ebruary 1
Bellarmine University	Rolling	mber	ecembe
Cedarville University	Rolling		April 15
Centre College	Jar 15	Dev Jer 1	uary 15
Georgetown College	Rd 19		February 1
Mize (OH)	Febru 1	December 1	With Application
Murray State Unive	Rolli		January 15
Vorthorm tucky Univ	ling	October 15	January 15
Samford University (L)	December 15		December 15
Taul	April 1	November 1	December 1
Transylvania University	February 1	December 1	December 1
Union University (TN)	Rolling	December 1	December 1
University of Kentucky	February 15		December 1
University of Louisville	February 15		January 15

These dates are EXAMPLES...make sure you check!

Early Decision

- Early decision involves a **BINDING DECISION** to enroll of accepted you will have to attend that school regardless of other offers and without knowing any financial aid package that may or may not be offered.
- Students may only apply to one school through Early Decision, and if accepted, must withdraw applications to all other schools.
- Early Decision offers a slight advantage of acceptance colleges usually accept a higher percentage of applicants than those that apply for regular decision.
- Early Decision is a good option for admissible students with LOW FINANCIAL NEED who have a clear first choice school all others should be very CAUTIOUS!!!

Early Action

- ☐ Entails no commitment to enroll and therefore offers little advantage for admission.
- ☐ Early Action students, however, are often first in line for merit scholarships and housing.
- Competition in Early Action pools at highly selective schools is generally tougher than in the regular decision pool.
- Some Early Action colleges now ask that students apply early only to their institution, however, you may still apply regular decision to any other institution

Rolling Admissions

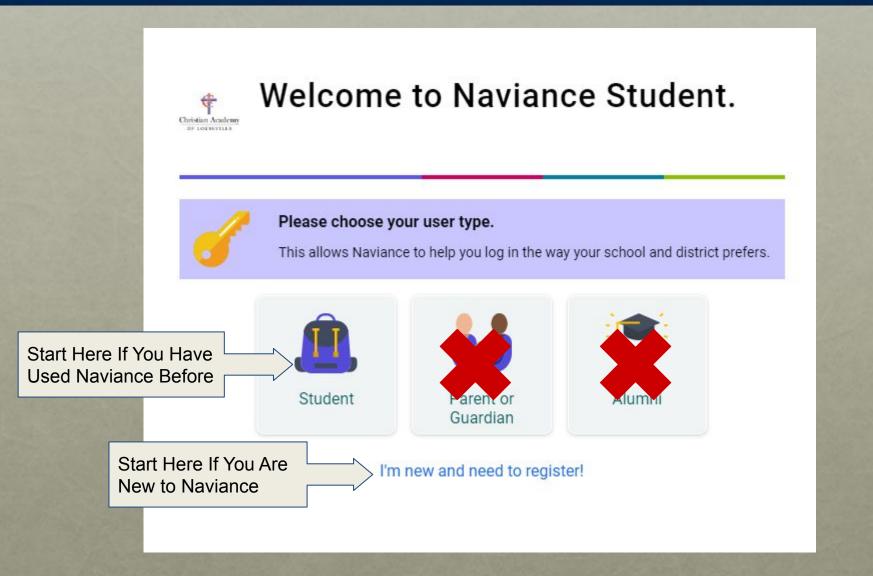
- ☐ Colleges that use rolling admissions accept students who meet their entry requirements as they receive applications.
- Usually accept students from September until July.
- ☐ Students receive a notice of acceptance 2-3 weeks after they submit their application and all supporting documents.
- ☐ As the college fills up its slots for the freshman class, it can become more selective in who is accepted.
- □ Rolling Admissions colleges may award some financial aid at the same time they are admitting students so the amount of available financial aid may dwindle at the end of the admissions process.

Know Your Deadlines

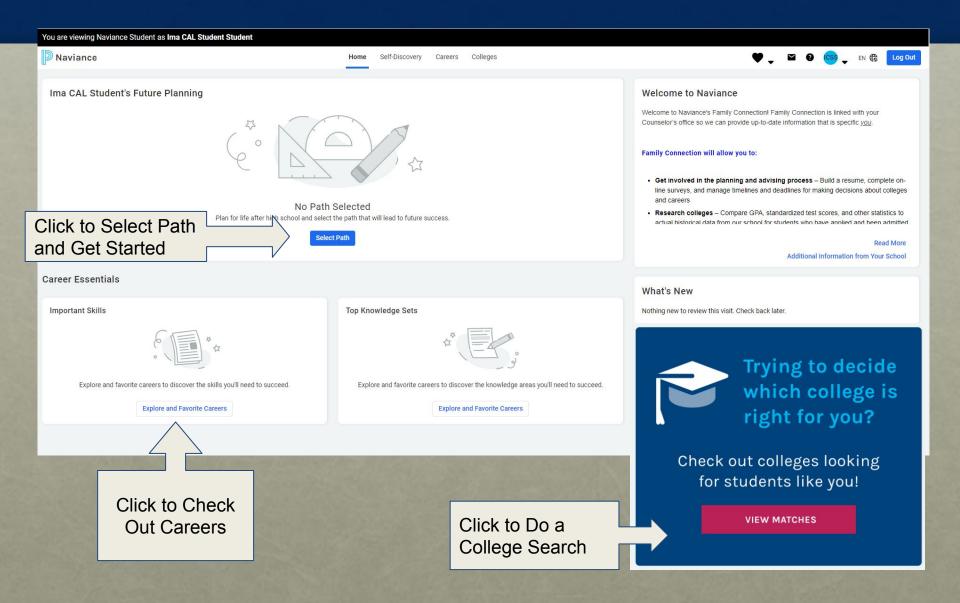
#9 Naviance

- ☐ Go to <u>www.caschools.us</u>
- ☐ Click on "English Station"
- ☐ Hover over "High School"
- Menu will appear
- Scroll down and click on
- "High School Counselor"
 Click on NAVIANCE

Naviance-Login



Naviance-Home Screen





Select what you plan to do after high school

There are 8 choices!

Select Path

X

O College: Associate's Degree

Earn an associate's degree or certificate in two years or less by attending a two-year community college or junior college.

O College: Bachelor's Degree

Earn a Bachelor's degree in four years by attending a four-year private or public college or university.

Career Education or Trade School

Enroll in a short-term training program at a career or vocational-technical college and earn a certificate or associate's degree for an industry such as health care, cosmetology, and plumbing.

O Apprenticeship Program

Enroll in an apprenticeship to get on-the-job training with classroom instruction and mentorship that leads to a skilled trade or profession.

Military Service

Enlist in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces right after high school or join after college by enrolling in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Employment

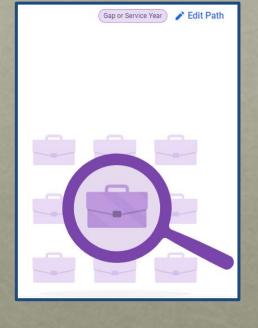
Enter the job force right after high school to develop work skills and learn on the job without any formal training or education.

Undecided



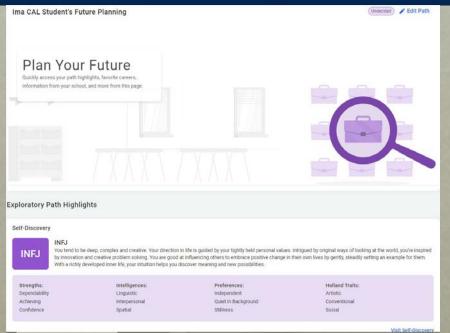
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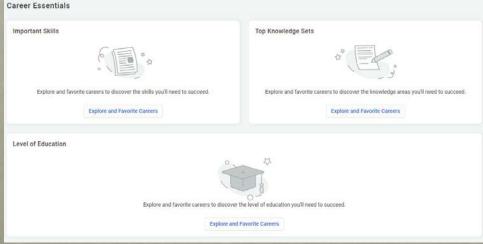






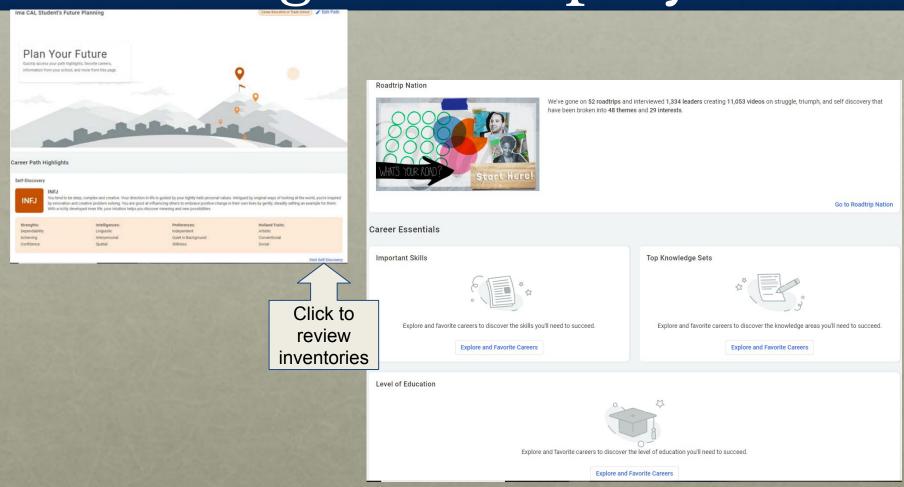
Naviance–GAP Year and Undecided





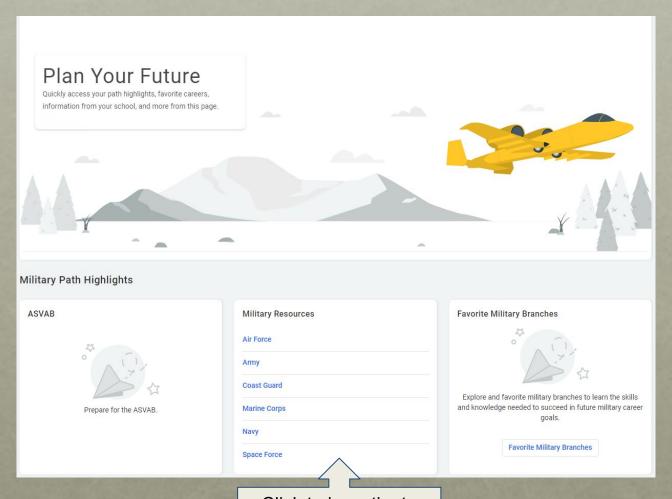
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Naviance–Vocational Training and Employment



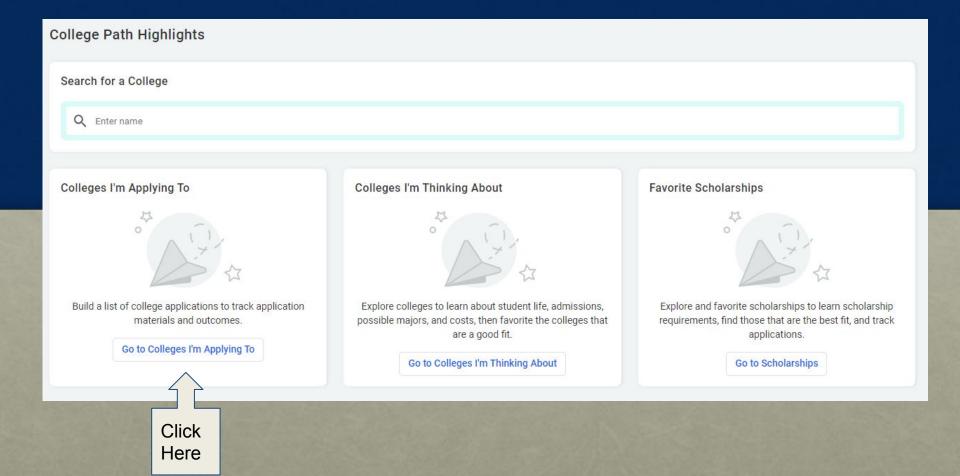
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Naviance-Military



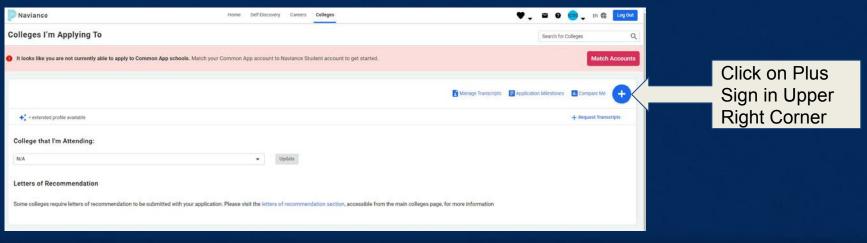
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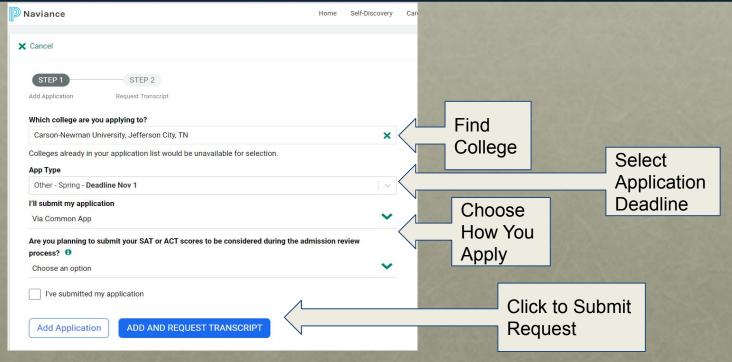
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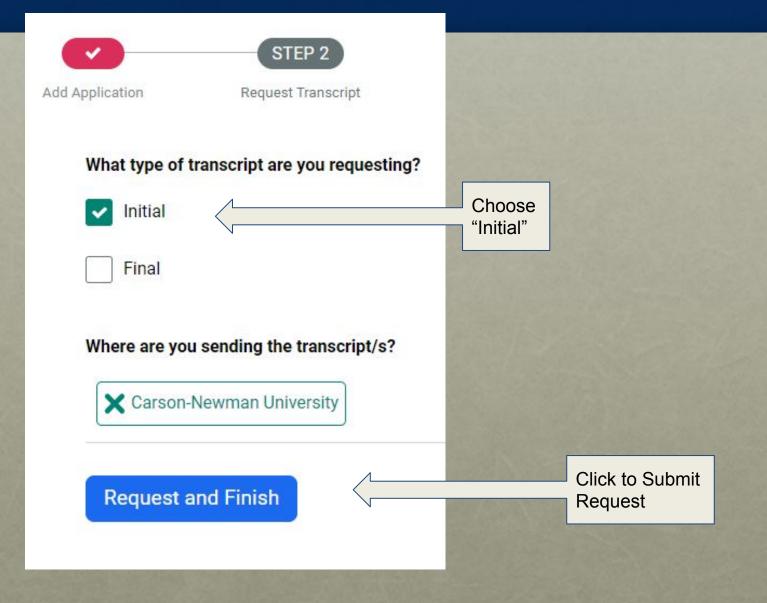
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Requesting Transcripts

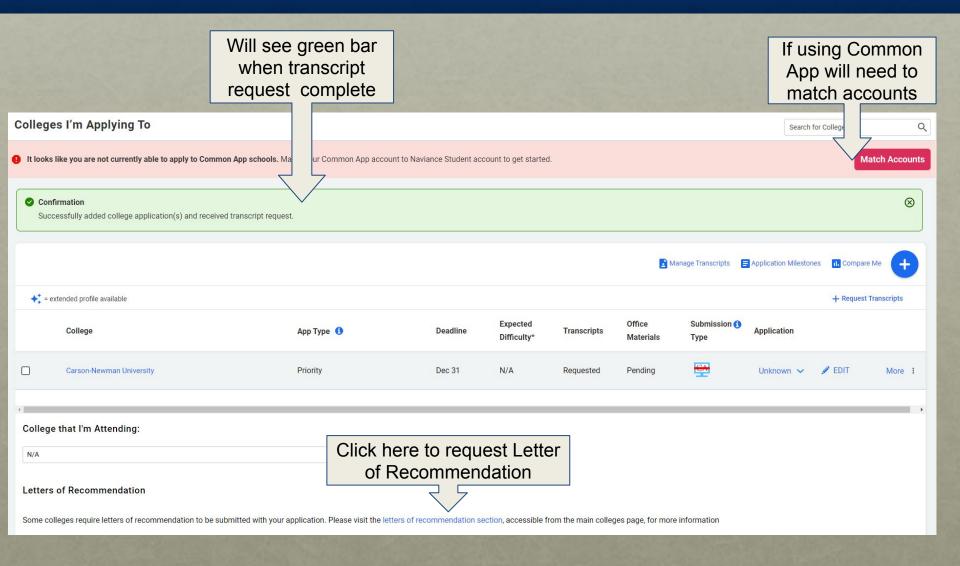




Requesting Transcripts



Common App and Recommendations



Recommendations

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

Recommendation For *

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Deadline *

Click here to select teacher and school

Recommender(s)

Add Request

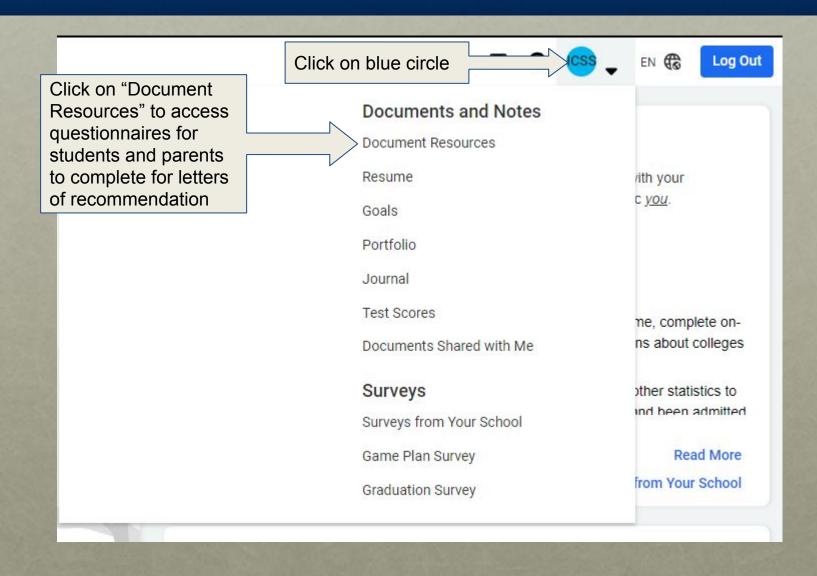
Cancel Request



Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Add Request

Naviance-Questionnaires



Naviance

- Check out options for after HS
- ☐ Transcript Request
- Counselor Recommendation Letter
- Teacher Recommendation Letter
- Search for Schools
- Search for Scholarships
- Look at interest inventories

What should you do if you get a email from the college saying they have not yet received your transcript?

- ☐ Don't panic! Wait a few days to call or email the college to see if they have received it.
- Great reason not to wait until the deadline...
- Early is good!

#10 Financing College

- □ SCHOLARSHIPS—From two sources:
 - Colleges 90%
 - Independent 10% (i.e. Community Foundation of Louisville, Rotary Club, Papa John's, KY Farm Bureau, etc.)
- going merry Talk to the Financial Aid office at the College
- Search online, www.fastweb.com
- Check daily announcements
- Apps <u>"Scholly"</u>
- Going Merry one application for many scholarships https://www.goingmerry.com/





FAFSA



Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college

www.fafsa.ed.gov or https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa



KY Work Ready Scholarship



- Earn up to 60 hours of college credit for FREE
- Can earn certifications in as little a 4 months
- Must complete the FAFSA to be eligible

https://workreadykentucky.com/

#11 Communication

- ☐ When contacting the college, **YOU** need to be the one to email or call.
- ☐ Email is the *best* way to communicate with counselors at CAL.
- Check daily announcements regarding scholarships
- ☐ Check your email!!!!

12 College Athletics







College Athletics

- ☐ Register with respective athletic associations:
 - NCAA Clearinghouse online at <u>www.ncaa.org</u>
 - NAIA at www.naia.org
 - NCCAA at http://www.thenccaa.org/
- ☐ Make sure your coach knows you would like to play in college.
- ☐ Make sure to tell your counselor. You **must** meet NCAA requirements for high school credits; *these* requirements are not negotiable.

Lead The Way

- ☐ You should be the one to register for ACT/SAT
- ☐ You need to be the one to fill out the application (parents can write the checks! ☺)
- ☐ You need to fill out service hour forms and keep up with hours remaining to serve
- ☐ You must be the one to communicate with the colleges and admissions representatives

Scholarships? Help your parents and work together!

Our Mission

The mission of Christian Academy School System is to **develop students with a heart for God** who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52

education with a **Higher** purpose